



Friday, November 4, 2016 | Shabbat Parshat Noach
Shabbat Begins at 5:35pm

Reminder: No School on Tuesday, November 8 (Faculty In-Service Day). Please Remember to VOTE!

Pictures of the Week (click to view more!)



The 3-year-old Kochavim class learned about Parshat Noach by making a Teiva! The top level has the people (dolls and Mr. Potato Head in this case), the middle layer has the animals, and the bottom layer has the garbage. The children loved this interactive activity!

A Message from Rabbi Glustein

We absolutely have the best parent body in the state of New Jersey! The school staff left the evening fully energized to continue fueling our school's growth. We greatly appreciated the



Nov. 8: No School
(Faculty In-Service)
Nov. 10: Picture Day
Nov. 17: Make-up &
Sibling Picture Day
Nov. 23: Thanksgiving
Program
Nov. 24 - 25: No
School (Thanksgiving)

**Click here to view
the school
calendar**



**Remember to turn
your clocks back
one hour this
Saturday night,
Nov. 5!**



Thank you to **Ken
Panitch, TL
Weinberg, and
Dan Eisenstein**
for playing an
active role in
making our Parent
Night such a
wonderful success.

opportunity to have authentic and open dialogue with our partners in education—the parents. As we understand the challenge of asking parents to come out during a busy week, we decided on a *Town Hall* format for our Parent Engagement Night. Based on the feedback we've been getting, the forum met our objectives for transparency and engagement. The depth and range of questions was truly impressive! The questions allowed us to understand what was on our parent body's mind and what is important to them. Please send any additional questions to office@politz.org so that we may follow up with your particular concerns.

The *Six Word Memoirs* provided great “food for thought.” We are going to continue this activity with our faculty. We look forward to creating a work of art to be prominently displayed in our school. Make it a Shabbat table discussion and email your results to office@politz.org.

GET OUT THE VOTE! Please don't forget to vote on Tuesday. It makes a huge difference!

This week, all of our students in first through fourth grade met with their Guided Reading groups for the first time! This is an essential part of our balanced literacy program, which teaches reading comprehension strategies. The students read and analyzed an appropriate leveled reader, discussed all vocabulary words and did a follow-up activity related to the book.

Make Politz Great!
Engage. Volunteer. Contribute.



- Progress Reports are being sent home today! Please be sure to look them over, sign and return them to your child's teacher by Friday, Nov. 11.
- We have been informed by Lifetouch (our school photographer) that this year there is no need to pre-order your children's school pictures. After Picture Day you will receive a

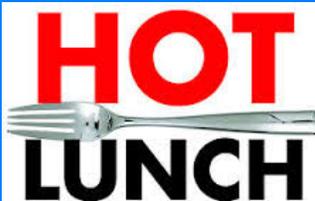


Mazel Tov to the
Miltz and
Schwartz families
on the occasion of
Isabella's Bat
Mitzvah this
Shabbat!

ברוכים הבאים



Welcome to new
Politz 5th Grader
Asher Liss and
his parents, Jeff
and Lizbeth, who
have just moved to
Cherry Hill!



Hot dog lunch
begins on Monday,
Nov. 7! Sign up
has now closed.

Pizza lunch
continues to be on
Wednesdays until
winter vacation.
Watch out for the
new sign up for
next session in a
few weeks.

proof and order form for each of your
children. Please note: retake, makeup and
sibling Picture Day will be on Nov. 17.

ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 8, 2016



As we are about to elect a new President, TEACH NJS encourages EVERY individual to go out and exercise your right to vote on Election Day, November 8. On the local and state level, every single vote makes a difference. The local politicians are aware of which of their constituents have voted. Thus, we need you to vote so that we can count on these elected officials in the future to support the issues that concern our school and our communities. Thank you!

Dr. Yaakov Bagley
TEACH NJS Executive Committee Member

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Classroom News...

Second Grade

By Mrs. Debby Stomel, General Studies Teacher

It is that special time of year when the leaves fall from the trees and the children settle into school. Our second graders have been learning to compose different forms of writing, and poetry proved to be a worthwhile challenge. Set against the background of our beautiful season, the students used descriptive words to bring to life the colorful leaves. They brainstormed rhyming words to write their own poetry. They painted red, orange, yellow, and brown leaves to frame their poems. Next, they worked on their personal narratives. Using the words "I, me, my," and other words to show their stories were personal, they brainstormed ideas for pre-writing. Then they composed rough drafts using time-order words to show a clear sequence. As we edited our writing, we made sure the grammar, spelling, and punctuation were all correct. The students looked carefully at their stories to see if they wanted to add or delete some details. The stories were filled with personal and family experiences the children had. These stories are really special! As we continue to strengthen our writing skills throughout this year, it will be interesting to chart our progress and gain confidence in our writing ability!

4th Grade

By Morah Shoshana Kutcher, Judaic Studies Teacher

In Kitta Daled, our classroom is buzzing with activity as we advance in Chumash and learn the *pesukim* with great zest and interest. We are focusing on the *middot* of Yaakov Avinu and the lessons we can learn from his actions. We are broadening our *shoresh* (root word) vocabulary and using our creativity to think of motions to act out the meanings of different *shorashim*. Last week we began learning Parshat Hashavua (the weekly Torah portion) and enjoyed an interesting discussion about the six days of creation and how Hashem created the world with perfection. We are looking forward to starting to learn Navi (Prophets) soon, for the very first time! We will be introduced to Navi at our Hatchalat Navi party and will receive our Navis from Rabbi Glustein. Looking forward to continued success!



By Morah Devora Luger, Early Childhood Teacher

Mornings during the last month have provided a fun-filled time for the children in the Kochavim (Stars) class. Our primary focus has been the four seasons, with an emphasis on fall. We have talked about the different characteristics of each season, as well as the activities we can *do* and appropriate clothing to wear. After reading a wonderful book, *The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree*, our studies culminated in the four season "arm" trees now on display. (Each child painted their own arm and hand to resemble the tree's trunk and branches). We also discussed fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. We learned a few fireman songs, read *Clifford, the Firehouse Dog* and created adorable fireman puppets complete with hose and ladder. We would like to share what has been happening in Judaic studies with this happy little rhyme:

Kochavim at Politz is exciting in every way,
We learn and explore with each holiday.
We have become such great friends and play so nicely too,
We love to bring home projects to share with you.
All about the Parsha we all know,
As our special arts and crafts can really show.
Please come by our classroom and see,
How much we really love to be three!



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